

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the allowance of claims 3-22 and 45-80. Claims 1, 2, 23-25, 30-32, and 40-44 are pending in this application, with claims 26-29, 33-39 and 81 withdrawn from consideration and canceled. Claim 1 has been amended in order to more clearly explain the subject matter of the invention. No claim was amended in order to overcome prior art. Furthermore, the scope of the claims was not narrowed by these amendments. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

II. Restriction Requirement

Claims 26-29, 33-39 and 81 remain withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction requirement. To advance prosecution, and in no way acquiescing to the correctness of the restriction requirement, Applicants have canceled claims 26-29, 33-39 and 81. Applicants retain the right to present these canceled claims in a divisional application.

III. 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 2, 23-25, 30-32, and 40-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the Applicants' invention. Specifically, the Examiner alleged that the phrase "comprise oxo, thio and iminophosphoryl radicals" in claim 1 was unclear. Applicants have amended claim 1 to more particularly point out what Applicants regard as their invention. This rejection should now be rendered moot.

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In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a timely Notice of Allowance for claims 1-25, 30-32, and 40-80.

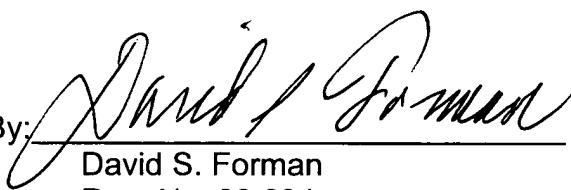
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